

# TALK IT OVER

God Speaks

## BOTTOM LINE

The question is not is God speaking, but rather, am I listening?

## CONVERSATION STARTER

To whom have you not spoken to in at least one year but would love to have a conversation with?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [Listening to God](#) by Dr. Charles Stanley (33 min.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me.* John 10:27 KJV

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you will eat with me.*

Revelation 3:20 NCV

*In the past God spoke ... in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by his Son.* Hebrews 1:1-2 NIV

*“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”* 1 Samuel 3:9 NIV

*Be still, and know that I am God.* Psalm 46:10 NIV

*It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.* Isaiah 59:2 NLT

*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.* Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

*Do not merely listen to the word ... do what it says.* James 1:22 NIV

“God’s desire to speak flows out of His desire for relationship. The more you develop your relationship with God, the more you will recognize His voice. Religion talks about God; relationship talks with God.”

“God doesn’t speak primarily to give you directions. He speaks to draw you close to Himself. Hearing God’s voice is not so much a skill to master but a relationship to cultivate.” – Quotes by Dwight Mason

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All of Scripture tells us that God speaks. How would you describe your experience of hearing God speak to you? The more you know His character, His ways, and His Word, the more you’ll recognize when He speaks. How is that happening for you? Discuss how one can know when they are pursuing relationship, not religion. Have you ever been more religion than relationship? If so, what changed that? What are your personal requirements for spending time alone with God? God speaks through His Word, His Spirit, His people, and circumstances. Share an experience when God spoke to you in one of these ways. How do you remember and take action on what God is saying to you? Hearing God clearly happens when we position ourselves for it. **We must be still.** What do you do to settle yourself for stillness? **Be clean.** How do you bring God a clean heart? **Be expectant.** God speaks to those who expect and plan for Him to speak. What do you do to create those quiet spaces where God can speak to you? **Be responsive and obedient when He speaks.** God’s not talking just to be heard. How do you hold yourself accountable to obey?

## ACTION STEP

I want to hear God speak to me. I will meet Him at this place and this time:

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